Mr. G. Chennappa.—

Has the responsibility been fixed for the misuse of public money ?

First Member of Council.—

We cannot give you that information now.

Mr. G. Chennappa.—

Will the Government publish the report ?

First Member of Council.—

The question is still under consideration.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Who was the President of the Municipality at the time ? Was he an official or a non-official ?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. K. M. Nagiah.—

When was the report received and when can orders thereon be expected ?

First Member of Council.—

It was received one or two weeks ago and orders will issue as soon as possible.

MESSRS. K. M. NAGIAH (Davangere Municipality) and G. MUDEGOWDAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that Survey Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 17 in Ninganahalli Village, Bilichodu Hobli, Jagalur Taluk, have been granted to a private gentleman ?

(*b*) What is the nature of the grant so made ?

(*c*) What are the terms and conditions under which that grant is made ?

(*d*) Is the Government satisfied that those terms and conditions have been fulfilled ?

(*e*) What are the various representations and objections made to the Government (to the Deputy Commissioner and Revenue Commissioner) with regard to the same and what are the orders passed on them ?

(*f*) Do they know that all the above numbers have been alienated by him and that he has made a good fortune out of it ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—9. (*a*) Yes. They were granted to one Mudlagiri Rao in 1888.

(*b*) Assessed waste survey numbers were given for upset price while tank-bed kharab was given for temporary cultivation in consideration of his having agreed to bring into cultivation the other assessed waste lands of the village.

(*c*) The main conditions were:—

The darkhastdar should agree (i) to take about 210 acres of waste land for cultivation, (ii) people the village by bringing in at least 10 families within 7 months from the date of grant, and (iii) hand over to Government the tank-bed kharab Survey No. 17 in case the re-construction of the tank is taken on hand.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) One Settara Mahalingappa submitted petitions to the Deputy Commissioner on 1st January 1910 and 6th July 1911, to the Revenue Commissioner on 14th July 1911 to the effect that the darkhastdar had not fulfilled the conditions under which the said grant was made to him, that he had alienated the lands and that he (the petitioner) was prepared to pay Rs. 1,250 to Rs. 2,000 in case the lands were given over to him. On enquiry it was found that the lands had been alienated by the shanbhogue to discharge the debts which he incurred for improving the lands granted to him for upset price and for advancing moneys to the new settlers.

In so far as the sale of the assessed waste lands are concerned, it was ordered by this office that no action was necessary in the matter, inasmuch as the shanbhogue had fulfilled the first two conditions and since there was no loss to Government.

As regards the tank-bed which was given for temporary

cultivation, his action in having mortgaged it was improper. Before taking further action, the Executive Engineer was consulted in the matter and he was of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by the restoration of the Ninganahalli breached tank. It was therefore ordered that the tank-bed may be disposed of to the shanbhogue after recovering a fair upset price from him. An endorsement was also issued to the petitioner Mahalingappa. Five days after the receipt of the endorsement, *i.e.*, on 10th August 1912, Mahalingappa sent in a petition to the Sub-Division Officer, Davangere, stating that he was prepared to pay Rs. 1,500 if the tank-bed was given to him. A notice was issued requiring him to deposit within a week Rs. 1,500 as per his petition. Though the notice was served upon him, he failed to deposit the said amount. The land was thereupon granted permanently to the shanbhogue for an upset price of Rs. 158-6-0 in consideration of his having improved the katte by spending over Rs. 200 and also in view of the fact that he sustained a heavy loss in improving the other lands. This was in the year 1913.

(*f*) Yes. So far as Government are aware, the party does not seem to have made any fortune out of it.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. K. M. Nagiah.—

Have the Government ascertained whether any families are residing in the village now ?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. K M. Nagiah.—

Do they know that the lands have been alienated for Rs. 8,000, and that the terms of the original grant have not been fulfilled ?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. K. M. Nagiah.—

Will necessary enquiries be instituted to ascertain that information?

First Member of Council.—

I do not think the Government can re-open a matter which took place about 42 years ago.

Mr. K. M. Nagiah.—

Will the Government reconsider the matter in view of the fact that a large income will accrue if the tank-bed, which has now been hypothecated, is resumed and the tank restored?

First Member of Council.—

The Chief Engineer is of opinion that there is no use repairing that tank.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

When was the Chief Engineer's opinion received ?

First Member of Council.—

In the year 1911.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Why not the opinion of the present Chief Engineer be taken?

First Member of Council.—

The tank-bed was given away permanently in 1913 and Government cannot do anything in the matter at this distance of time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

Bill further to Amend the Mysore Village Panchayet Regulation.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL explained the general principles of the Bill as follows:—

General Principles of the Bill further to amend the Mysore Village Panchayet Regulation.

In order to provide for the growing needs of the Village Panchayets and to provide more adequately for their proper supervision and control, an amendment of the Village